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A MUCH NEEDED REFORM.

For years complaints have come from many quarters concerning the management of the normal school. It has been charged that discriminations have been made on account of complexion, social standing and personalities, to such an extent as to demoralize the school system and bring reproach upon it. To what extent these charges have been sustained is not in the province of this article to discuss. Suffice it to say, such charges have been made, and results are not as satisfactory as might be expected, and it is high time that some effort be made to render these demoralizing imputations impossible. It is a fact that great latitude has been given the principal of the Normal School. It is also true that, had there been a disposition on that lady's part to discriminate, for whatever reason, it would have been a very easy matter, since the markings and final examinations were conducted by herself. It is not surprising that persons have been made to believe that undue advantage has been taken of this condition of things. It is easy to make statements and have them widely circulated and believed, even where close inquiry into the facts would show them to be false. It is our belief that the conditions should be so adjusted as to preclude unjust imputations against the principal. The final examination of candidates for graduation should be conducted by an examining board. It should consist of competent persons, whose relations to the system and pupils are such as to assure absolute disinterestedness. There would be no difficulty in securing such a board. The principals of both the white and colored Normal Schools, both superintendents, together with the principals of both the white and colored High Schools would form a board fully adequate for all practical purposes.

This board could conduct the examinations of both the white and colored Normal Schools. Questions could be prepared by the normal principals, from which the board could select a given number. These questions should be held until the day of examination, to avoid the possibility of collusion. The candidates of both schools should be required to pass upon the same set of questions, and the papers should be carefully examined upon a fixed standard of markings by the board. The candidates for graduation should enter by numbers, thus making it impossible to know the personnel. The order of eligibility to teacherships should be based upon actual percentages made.

Examinations conducted upon some such plan as the above would insure absolute fairness, and would quiet the many charges and imputations constantly heard reflecting upon the fair name of our principal. Moreover, it would stimulate competition among normal students and determine the relative capacity of the teachers in the white and colored schools. Let some such arrangement be made by our High and Normal School Committee, and the standard of our schools will be elevated, and more satisfactory results obtained.

BRUCE'S GREAT WORK IN OHIO.

Before another issue of THE BEE the result of one of the most hotly contested elections in recent years will have passed.

The complications and obstacles to our cause have been many and difficult. The open revolt of the colored voter against the party was never so manifest; at no time since he became a voter has this feeling of independence been so general. In Ohio, especially, was this true to an alarming extent, but a wonderful change has taken place since ex-Senator Bruce entered the campaign. His great effort has been the talk of the State; never did a man enter upon his work with greater preparation, with a confidence and determination to turn the tide, than he, and never have results been more gratifying.

As we go to press, we are able to state that the colored voter in Ohio has returned to his first love. This is due more largely to the great work of Mr. Bruce than to any man in that campaign; speaking every night for two hours for more than two weeks, in all sections of the State, the papers tell us that he is as fresh and vigorous as the first night of his great speech at Oberlin, which is still the talk of that classic town. The enthusiasm he has aroused throughout the State has been wonderful, many papers declaring his speech to be the greatest ever delivered in this town. To see that he has done a great work, read some of our press clippings, a few of which we give in our columns.

No man deserves better of the administration than this great negro representative. That he will be well remembered we have no doubt.

THE ELECTION.

The political forces are gathering for their final charge upon popular sentiment and it is by no means clear as to results. In Greater New York, Gen. Tracy seems to have captured a great number of the enemy's guns and is marching on to victory. In Maryland, the disorganized condition of the republican ranks favors democratic victory, but a proper mobilization of forces may avert that result.

In Virginia the democrats will be victorious for the simple reason that the so-called white leaders are deploying simply to get control of Federal patronage. The greatest interest centers on Ohio, as the test of administration indorsement. The issues, save that of silver, are lost in the considerations touching the propriety of returning Mark Hanna to the Senate. The contest has been the hottest for years and the prospects are that the campaign will increase in vigor and intensity from now on. The final outcome from our point of view is not in the least problematical. The generalship of Mark Hanna is irresistible and success is sure. There is something more than his splendid personality to account for his coming victory. He represents the highest and best interests of the American people. He favors sound money, good wages, steady work, an improved system of education, an honest count, a fair ballot, equality before the law and trial by jury in all cases, believing in the good sense, justice and fairness of American citizens. Representing these he cannot fail of election. He will return to the Senate triumphant and will be found as before leading the country on to peace and prosperity.

Ex-Senator Bruce spoke this week in Ohio, to immense gatherings, at London, Bellfountain, Gallipolis and Warren, he will wind up his splendid work at Cincinnati to night, should the committee decide upon a grand rally. Mr. Bruce has proven himself the most popular speaker in the great array of persons who have taken part in the great campaign, speaking some times twice a day.

SHOULD STAND ON THEIR RECORD.

THE BEE does not object to colored men being democrats, but what it does object to is, to see colored democrats endeavoring to turn republicans the moment the democratic party is defeated. In the Government Printing Office, you will find a lot of colored democrats who were appointed because they declared for the democratic party. The , some time ago called the attention of the Public Printer to certain colored democrats who are retained in the Government Printing Office and should be removed. Mr. Menard, under the last democratic administration kept the Colored American booming with democratic articles and statements to the effect that Mr. Benedict discharged the colored printers because they were incompetent, when it was a notorious fact that these same colored printers worked under the entire administration of Public Printer Palmer and he failed to find them incompetent. Then again Mr. Nalle and others were given temporary work on the Record under Mr. Benedict after their discharge for alleged incompetency. If they were incompetent to work on the Congressional Record, which work is harder, certainly they and others were competent to do other work. The editor of the Colored American, has always been a democrat and was one of the prime movers in the negro democratic convention that was held in Indianapolis, Ind., some years ago which was exposed by THE BEE. Mr. Cooper started the fight and in the next issue of THE BEE, he will have an opportunity of seeing himself as others see him.



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Hon. Frank W. Palmer, the Public Printer, is one of the best-known Republicans in the country, a practical business man, and a positive character. He is not easily frightened by the attacks of the enemy. He means to do his duty.

HOW TO REFORM.

If the Baptist Ministers' Union, and all other denominations in the city, would only do all in their power to influence parents to send their children to school, we are confident that they would be doing a good service. Let every citizen go to work.

The whipping post seems in evidence when professional men cannot restrain their brutish instincts. The wife's mother should be as in-violate as the wife. Her sex demands it.

It is a matter to be regretted that the trustees who are appointed for the sole purpose of taking care of the interests of the colored schools, cannot agree upon so simple a matter as a minor appointment. Common decency would suggest the importance and propriety of taking care of our own matters, inasmuch as it is constantly thrown in our teeth that the best of us must ask our white friends how to act, in a matter that concerns ourselves. If we have not pride enough to act for ourselves, let us see what mere observation will do for us. In future, let the trustees of our schools attend to their own business, and not consult those whose business it is to attend to their own business and not ours.

DEATH OF HENRY GEORGE.

The sudden death of Henry George in New York will change the political aspect in that State.

WAS MISS COOK IGNORED?

Miss M. B. Cook, the colored directress of cooking, is either not respected by some of the colored trustees on the board, or there is a disposition on their part to place the white directress over the colored cooking teacher. Miss Cook is an amiable and competent young lady who should be placed in a position, as directress of cooking, to an advantage. But instead, at the recent examination of applicants she was rather placed in an embarrassing position. What Miss Cook should have done was, the moment Miss Jacobs attempted to examine the colored applicants, to have given her to understand that she (Cook) was the directress of the colored schools for cooking. The people want to know whether Miss Cook was ignored.

Who is boss, Miss Jacobs or Miss Cook?

The democratic correspondents Messrs. Menard and R. W. Thompson of the Government Printing Office will learn a thing or two.

Miss Jacobs directed Miss Cook to report to her, and she went. We would be pleased to know where Dr. Richardson was?

If Mr. Cook is superintendent of the colored schools, it is hoped that he will exercise a little authority.

There is a desire on somebody's part to get a hold on the colored schools.

Now that the committees of the school board have been re-organized, let each attend assiduously to his business, and join hands when occasion requires, to improve the various departments of the system.

STIRRING APPEAL.

GOOD ARRAY OF REPUBLICAN SPEAKERS AT URBANA—HON. B. K. BRUCE GIVES SOME SOUND ADVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE COLORED RACE.

Urbana, O., Oct. 23.—(Special).—The republican rally at the home of Hon. J. P. Smith this afternoon was a great success. A large crowd gathered to hear the issues of the campaign. Among the distinguished guests were Captain A. Lybrand, Hon. M. B. Wright, ex-Mayor Gear, of Paulding, Congressman Gear, of Illinois, Billy McGuinniss, postoffice inspector; Hon. D. J. Ryan, Charles Fisher State Senator John L. Plummer, Hon. B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, and Charles Filmore, of Columbus.

A platform was erected on the lawn of Mr. Smith's home, and to the music of several bands and the booming of cannon the speaking was carried on. E. E. Middleton, chairman of the county committee, presided, and introduced Hon. George M. Etchberger of this city as the first speaker. He was followed by Hon. David S. Gear, of Chicago, who spoke for nearly an hour. Hon. B. K. Bruce and Hon. Charles Filmore arrived on the ground just before the meeting closed, and in response to the loud calls Mr. Bruce spoke. It was a good meeting, and considerable enthusiasm was created. At night the opera house was crowded to hear the Hon. B. K. Bruce. His speech was an able presentation of the issues of the campaign. He made a strong appeal to his race to stand by the party that had befriended them in the past. No other party had ever done anything for the colored race and why should we turn our backs upon the party which had always been our friend. It was a fine speech and had a good effect upon the audience.

GREAT REPUBLICAN ACTIVITY.

From the Baltimore American.
The activity in republican circles still continues. The campaign opens in earnest this week, and from last night, when the meetings were formally inaugurated, there will be an average of from four to six meetings in the city each night. There will be meetings in each ward, various precinct meetings, district meetings in each legislative district, while Saturday night October 30, the campaign will wind up with a big meeting in Music Hall. Mr. Charles L. Wilson, chairman of the committee, made arrangements to have the following speakers address several of the meetings during the past two weeks: Hon. J. H. Bingham, assistant secretary of agriculture; ex-governor Alphonso Hart, of Ohio; Hon. B. H. Warner, of Washington, D. C.; Hon. Ben. Butterworth, of Ohio; Hon. Tustin Davis, of Kansas City; Mo., assistant secretary of the interior. Several well-known colored lawyers from Washington, also participated in the campaign. They include ex-Governor Pinchback, of Louisiana; Dr. Charles B. Purvis, Henry Johnson and M. M. Holland.

LATEST.

Just as the BEE was going to press, the appointment of Hon. W. W. Gibbs, of Arkansas, was announced as consul at Madagascar.

BRUCE IN THE WEST.

From The Akron, (Ohio), Beacon.

The Opera House was literally packed Saturday evening, with people who came from all parts of the county to hear the speech of Hon. B. K. Bruce. There were not seats enough to accommodate the crowd, and standing room was at a premium. Mr. Bruce is an eloquent and flowery orator, and held his audience for an hour and a half. His speech was terse, witty and to the point, and was loudly and continuously applauded. He showed up the representation of the south, in Congress in a way that took the breath away from his democratic hearers. Taken all in all it was the finest speech ever delivered in this city.

THE ADDRESS.

From The Akron Times.

Ex-Senator B. K. Bruce addressed a packed house at Opera Hall, Saturday evening, and his address is pronounced the best of the campaign. Mr. Bruce is a clear and forcible speaker and took occasion to touch upon almost every important point in the campaign and to tell the people the exact truth in these matters. The address certainly was an able one and held the large audience for fully two hours.

AUSPICIOUS OPENING.

From The Akron Times.

SENATOR FAIRBANKS AND HON. B. K. BRUCE AT FOSTORIA.

Fostoria, O., Oct. 21. (Special).—The republican campaign was gloriously opened here tonight by Senator Fairbanks of Indiana and Hon. B. K. Bruce. The distinguished gentlemen were met upon their arrival by a reception committee of leading republicans and a band and was escorted to the Hays house, where an informal reception was held. The opera house was crowded when Hon. Charles Foster, with a few well-chosen words, introduced Senator Fairbanks. The eloquent Indian gave a clear position of the issues of the campaign, which he said is national and not local in its significance. He was followed by Mr. Bruce, who with equal eloquence touched upon the points left by the first speaker. He also paid his respects to the Negro Protective party.

HE CANED HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

DR. CHARLES H. MARSHALL FINED \$10.

Dr. Charles H. Marshall, resides on P street, in West Washington, was in the police court on last Wednesday morning charged with an assault on his mother-in-law, Mrs. Carrie Hamilton. Mrs. Hamilton testified that she received a notice from the bank of a protested note that she had indorsed for her son-in-law, Dr. Marshall, and when she had informed him that she had no money to pay it, he pitched her out of the door upon the pavement. She further alleged that she recovered herself and went for him with a door-mat, whereupon he secured his cane and thrashed her with it, making several bruises upon her back and under her arms.

Mrs. Price also testified that she heard a noise in the hall and in front of Dr. Marshall's door, and on looking she saw Mrs. Hamilton stretched out upon the pavement. Dr. Marshall testified in his own behalf, and said that Mrs. Hamilton called to his home and was very abusive, and he ordered her out. When she refused to go, he shoved her out of the door and she fell down. She then made for him with a dirty door mat and struck him in the face, and he defended himself by seizing his cane and thrashing her with it.

Lawyer Peyton made an excellent defense for him, but Judge Kimball said while Dr. Marshall had a right to put Mrs. Hamilton out of his house, he should have used only necessary force. In this instance he used too much force, and had Mrs. Hamilton been upon higher steps she might have broken her neck.

A fine of \$10 or thirty days in jail was imposed. The fine was paid.

A SAD SCENE IN COURT.

THE ABANDONED CHILDREN OF EX U. S. CONSUL H. C. SMITH TURNED OVER TO THE BOARD OF CHILDREN'S GUARDIANS.

With a sad look in his face, his honor, Judge Mills, in the police court Friday morning, was confronted with the wife and four little children of ex-United States Consul H. C. Smith, who served this country at Santos, Brazil, who have been abandoned by him, and who is now living in New York City. An agent of the Board testified as to the condition of the children; that he had written to the chief of police in New York to ascertain the whereabouts of Ex-Consul Smith, and the reply was that he was living in New York, but was only earning money enough to support himself. The weeping wife of Smith stood with a hung-down head while the agent passed out of court with one little boy and three little girls. The other larger boy had been turned over to the Board a few days ago. There was not a dry eye in the courtroom. The judge remarked to the BEE that it is a godsend that we have such an institution. Judge Mills is a fatherly judge and a humanitarian, and the sad scene was keenly felt by him.

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